

Harding Pleads For Humanity In Industries

Tells Mining Congress Our Resources Should Be Developed With Full Regard for Interests Involved

World Craves Materials

Expert Declares Tax System Faulty and Cost of Collection Absurdly High

CLEVELAND, Oct. 9 (By The Associated Press).—President Harding, in a letter read to the delegates of the 25th American Mining Congress, which formally opened a six-day session here to-night, expressed his regret at being unable to accept an invitation to attend the congress, adding that all the "world nowadays is heard crying out for supplies of raw materials for its commerce and industries."

The President's letter in part, follows: "The riches of our American soil have been drawn upon in this connection, with a liberality that verges upon prodigality, and still the demand is for more and yet more. Our problem of wise liberality tempered by a proper purpose of conserving these great resources, should be always in our minds. It is not desirable that we should be either extravagant on one side or niggardly on the other."

Human Element Emphasized
"Above all, it is vitally necessary that if we are to make the most of our rich endowment in this realm we must seek to develop it with a full regard for the human interests involved. Our natural resources will not in the end have served us their greatest purpose if we find that in their development we have exploited the great army of humanity which is dependent upon these industries."

R. F. Grant presided at the formal opening and read the President's letter. The address of welcome was delivered by Newton D. Baker, former Secretary of War.

A conference to discuss the subject of Federal taxation was held this afternoon. Paul Armistead, of New York, presiding, and McKinley W. Krieger, of Washington, chief of the tax division of the American Mining Congress, being the principal speaker.

Krieger submitted evidence of faulty construction of the Federal tax laws, declaring that the total annual cost to the taxpayers, exclusive of taxes paid, of complying with the Federal tax laws, approached \$150,000,000, adding that the tax laws as now on the statute books are economically unsound. He declared that it required 10 per cent of the taxes collected to administer the laws.

Better System Desirable
"There should be some way of adjusting tax returns in the local collection district, in order to avoid this enormous cost to taxpayers," said Mr. Krieger.

Clarence J. Jarvis, of the California State Finance Commission, who was the Governor's personal representative and observer at the recent Argonaut mine disaster, said that a special committee would make recommendations to the Legislature further to protect miners and mining property by the installation of the most modern equipment. He said such installation probably would mean the abandonment of many poor mines, as their output was not sufficient to stand the installation cost.

Compers Urges Signalmen Help Impach Daugherty

CINCINNATI, Oct. 9.—Samuel Compers, president of the American Federation of Labor, in a telegram to the Brotherhood of Railway Signalmen of America, in session here to-day, urged the brotherhood to lend support in the movement for the impeachment of Attorney General Daugherty and Judge James H. Wilkerson of the United States District Court, Chicago, for the issuance of the rail strike injunction. Action on the telegram was deferred.

An executive session, which was addressed by the grand lodge officers, was held this afternoon. Offering of resolutions will start at to-morrow morning's session.

Possible consideration of the "one big union" idea was indicated by D. W. Helt, grand president of the brotherhood, when he responded to an address of welcome by Mayor George F. Carroll.

Britain Agrees America's Liquor Limit Is Legal

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ating with their American offices. "We'll await developments," was the announcement by the Ellerman Lines.

Loss to American Lines
Newspaper comment in London stresses the probable loss to American lines if the order should be enforced. Difficulties cropping up in the enforcement of American prohibition are so great that there is a world of obstruction in the experiment," says "The Westminster Gazette." In the view of "The Manchester Guardian," Americans propose to "add another to the many curious precedents in international law to which they have been compelled in an honest effort to make prohibition effectual." The paper adds that the "matter is surely not one for arbitrary action by one nation, but for common agreement, to help America out of her special difficulties which would leave major principles explicitly untouched."

From the Tribune's Washington Bureau
WASHINGTON, Oct. 9.—The Attorney General's ruling that vessels flying the American flag could not transport liquor may be the basis of a protest to the State Department by the government of Panama, because of the fact that liquor stores for the republic, heretofore, have been transported solely through American ports on the Canal Zone and on the Panama Railroad, it was officially indicated to-day.

The effect of the ruling as to the Panama Canal was the subject of a talk to-day between Secretary of War Weeks and Colonel Jay J. Morrow, Governor of the Panama Canal Zone. It was made known that the new liquor ruling was the source of embarrassment to officials of the canal.

Treaty May Provide Means
While the Volstead act specifically exempts the Canal Zone so far as the transportation of liquors through it in foreign bottoms is concerned, the practice has been for the Panama Canal Railroad to transport cargoes from the terminals of the waterway. The railroad, with government vessels, also has been utilized in getting the liquor supply to the Panama republic due to the shallow waters making impossible the entrance of large craft to any Panama port. It is expected the proposed treaty between Panama and the United States will specifically provide for the transportation of liquors to Panama, or special Congressional authority may be sought to avoid any embarrassment to Panama.

That there may be no misunderstanding about the liquor ruling as far as it applies to vessels operated for the government, A. D. Lasker, chairman of the Shipping Board, to-day sent telegraphic instructions to all operators to instruct all masters immediately to close their bars and cease the selling of liquor.

In his message, Mr. Lasker said: "Referring to my telegram of October 7, relative to the prohibition of sale, transportation and possession of liquor on ships operated by you for the government, I want to make it clear that it was intended that sale or service of liquor should be stopped at once on all such ships, whether in port or at sea."

"I want to make this thoroughly understood by all concerned, and if you have not already done so, please wireless or cable to this effect to ships now at sea or in foreign ports and secure acknowledgment of instructions."

It was indicated at the Shipping Board that the time limit of October 14 placed by the President on the enforcement of the Attorney General's ruling referred to cargoes of liquor and did not apply to the sale of intoxicating liquors.

It was also said that Lasker's instructions applied only to Shipping Board vessels, and that operators of privately-owned vessels, carrying the American flag, must submit to the law as interpreted by the Attorney General.

Bone-Dry Ship Starts For England To-morrow

President Polk First American Liner to Carry Out Ruling of Attorney General Daugherty

The steamship President Polk, of the United States Lines, will be the first passenger ship to sail from New York absolutely bone dry. The several hundred passengers on that vessel will put to sea to-morrow without the faintest chance of elbowing up to a bar or having wines served with their meals until they reach Great Britain. It is carrying out to the letter the ruling outlined last Friday by Attorney General Daugherty.

In the meanwhile wireless messages

have been sent to the captains of the United States Lines fleet at sea by T. H. Rosbottom, general manager of the company, instructing them to seal up their liquor stock immediately. Inventories will be made and when the ships return to this port, the liquors, wines and beer will be turned over to the Treasury Department. There will be no liquor aboard for medicinal purposes, although a special ruling on this point is expected to be forthcoming.

Active search of Shipping Board vessels will begin this morning, when a combined squad of customs and prohibition agents, working under the direction of John D. Appleby, prohibition zone chief, will visit all ships, close their bars and seize their stores of liquor. Mr. Appleby said last night that no action would be taken in sealing liquor from foreign ships until explicit orders were received from Washington. These orders have been held up, it was said, pending a test case filed in London by the White Star Line.

An inventory has been prepared of the liquor stores aboard the President Roosevelt, President Arthur and Susquehanna, of the United States Lines, so that the search of these ships and the President Polk will be merely technical affairs.

C. C. Wardlow, publicity director of the United States Lines, said his company was interested in any action the enforcement agents might take because the steamer Hansa soon would dock at the foot of Forty-sixth Street. She left Hamburg after the ruling was announced. He said the United States Lines ships had carried large stocks of liquors since the Volstead act, but that he had heard of no cancellations of passages because of the Daugherty decision.

George Fuller, general passenger agent of the Raymond & Whitcomb Company, operating around-the-world excursion steamers, said he had received no word of cancellations by prospective tourists.

Ruston Answers Rum Charge of Hirshfield

Liquor Obtained for Hospital Only Colored Water and Was Poured Into Drain

District Attorney Ruston of Kings County, in an address last night at the Eleventh Assembly District Republican Club, answered the allegations of Commissioner of Accounts Hirshfield as to the disposition of three cases of liquor which the Prosecutor obtained from the police shortly after their seizure at Fifty-second Street and First Avenue, Brooklyn, on May 7.

He said the liquor was obtained on a court order requested by the District

Attorney. It was to be given to the Brooklyn Hospital. Six cases were examined at the police property clerk's office in Manhattan and the remaining three at the Kings prosecutor's office. Mr. Ruston said, and it was found that they contained only colored water and other fluids that did not in the least resemble whiskey. The prosecutor ordered them emptied in a drain pipe.

At the investigation Commissioner

Hirshfield is conducting into the activities of Mr. Ruston's office, Police Captain James H. Gillen and Patrolman John Jasson testified as to the seizure and the subsequent sending to the Brooklyn court house of the three cases. Previously a sample bottle had been taken there under instructions that a bottle of each seizure should be given to Mr. Ruston whenever a liquor seizure was made.

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